

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

May 29th, 2016

“For whosoever exalteth
himself shall be abased;
and he that humbleth
himself shall be exalted.”

(LUKE 14:11)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Cade Chance-29th, Jerry Stoneberger-31st, James Richards-1st

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"In the volume of the Book it is written of Me." (HEBREWS 7:10)

Martin Luther asks, *"What Book and what Person?"* ... *"There is only one Book,"* is his reply—*"Scripture; and only one PERSON—JESUS CHRIST."*

(PSALM 40:7, HEBREWS 7:10, JOHN 5:39)

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CHRIST'S LOVE PASSETH KNOWLEDGE

...TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST, WHICH PASSETH KNOWLEDGE, THAT YE MIGHT BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD... (EPHESIANS 3:19)

A man, through unbelief, may think that CHRIST has no love to him; and yet CHRIST may love him a love that passeth knowledge. But when men, in the common course of their profession, will be always terminated here, that they know how, and how far, CHRIST can love; and will thence be bold to conclude of their own [confidence in their salvation], and of the loss and ruin of all that are not in the same notions, opinions, formalities, or judgment as they—this is the worst [pride] and greatest of all [delusions]. The text, therefore, to rectify those false and erroneous conclusions, says [that] the love of CHRIST is a love that "passeth knowledge"...

[Beloved], does Satan suggest that GOD will not hear your stammering and chattering prayers? Does Satan suggest that thy trials, and troubles, and afflictions, are so many that you shall never

get beyond them?—relief is at hand, for CHRIST loves thee with a love that *passeth knowledge*. This is a weapon that will baffle the devil, when all other weapons fail....Why should anything have my heart but GOD, but CHRIST? He loves me; He loves me with love that *passeth knowledge*; and I will love Him. His love stripped HIM of all for my sake. I am a *son of love*, an *object of love*, a *monument of love*; of *free love*, of *distinguishing love*, of *peculiar love*, and of *love that passeth knowledge*. And why should not I walk in love—in love to GOD, in love to man, in holy love, in love unfeigned?

PASTOR **JOHN BUNYAN**

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Beloved, rejoice! The LORD shed His blood, died, and rose again; putting away your sin and clothing you in His righteousness.

(GENESIS 3:21, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

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THE SINNER'S ONLY HOPE

"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (LUKE 14:11)

This is a mystery that natural men do not understand, only those who have been touched first in regeneration by GOD (1 CORINTHIANS 2:7-14). In the natural world the way up is up, but in the spiritual world the way up is down. *"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted"* (LUKE 14:11). In the natural world, to live is to live, but in the spiritual world the way to live is to die (MATTHEW 10:39). In the natural world men find satisfaction in their own strength, but Paul declared, *"When I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 CORINTHIANS 12:10). The greatest thing GOD can do for a person (whatever the cost) is to show him in heart and soul the vanity of all things in this world (ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 14) and to turn his *interest, affection, love and concern* from the world to CHRIST (MATTHEW 5:3-12). To be full is to be emptied of self, to be wise is to become a fool for CHRIST's sake, to be clothed is to be stripped, to receive is to give, to reign is to serve and to be rich is to become poor.

This was Job's experience. He knew what it was to possess all that the world can afford, then he felt the full impact of watching it all fade away and being reduced to ashes! With everything gone, in the dust, at the bottom, with no place to hide and no arm to lean upon, he rejoices in the sinner's only hope—his REDEEMER—CHRIST JESUS THE LORD! (PSALM 73:25)

PASTOR **HENRY MAHAN**

THE BIBLE

The Bible is not a book of **“how to do things.”** It is not a map, or a calendar of events, or a code of conduct. It is not a book of science, morality, history, politics, or law. It is a book of prophecy, church creed, and theology. **It is a Book that speaks of CHRIST in its totality.** From its beginning to its end it is a declaration of the redemptive glory of GOD in CHRIST. Remove the preeminence of CHRIST from the Bible and we only have another book. To use the Bible for some other thing other than to testify of CHRIST crucified is to misuse the Word of GOD.

We are not only to preach the Book—we are sent by GOD to preach the message of the Book, and the message of the Book is JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified. There is not a page of the Bible that does not speak of Him.

The Old Testament Scriptures speak of CHRIST, they show us CHRIST, and call us to faith in CHRIST. From the moment that GOD said in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head, CHRIST was the leading figure of the Old Testament prophecy.

(GENESIS 3:15) “...I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Solomon, and all the prophets testify of Him.

(JOHN 5:39) “...the scriptures; ...testify of me.”

(LUKE 24:27) “...beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

(LUKE 24:44) “...he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.”

An excerpt from the Spanish book “Un Paseo De La Santa Biblia / Voyage of the Holy Bible”

PASTOR **MILTON HOWARD**

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O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ...the great GOD and our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

(TITUS 2:13, ROMANS 7:18-19,24)